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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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BEIRUT PLEASE PASS BECK AT PALM BEACH HOTEL

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SUBJECT:U.S. RAILWAY MISSION

REF: DHAHRAN 0194

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES MISSION VISIT AMMAN, ALTHOUGH UNLIKELY THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES HERE FOR ALL MEMBERS (AMMAN 7758 OF 12/31/74). ALTHOUGH PARA 4 REFTEL GARBLED, ASSUME GROUP PLANS ARRIVE AMMAN MORNING MARCH 6, TRAVELING TO DAMASCUS MARCH 8. BELIEVE WORTHWHILE PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED WITH TRANSPORT MINISTRY AND AQABA RAILWAY OFFICIALS MARCH 6 AND MORNING OF MARCH 8, BUT FRIDAY IS ALSO WEEKEND HERE.

2. CONCERNING QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 4 REFTEL, HAVE RESERVED TEN SINGLES AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL MARCH 6-8. TRAVEL TO DAMASCUS MUST BE BY CAR. COST OF SERVICE TAXI WITH DRIVER FROM AMMAN TO DAMASCUS IS \$24. EMBASSY WILLING TO HOST MODEST RECEPTION FOR MISSION.

3. GROUP CAN OBTAIN JORDANIAN VISAS AT AMMAN AIRPORTAN ALTHOUGH MORE CONVENIENT TO HAVE ON ARRIVAL. REQUEST BECK CONFIRM PLANS FOR AMMAN ADVANCE ON FEBRUARY 17. PICKERING

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